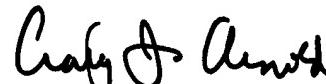


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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/IB2003/005063	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 6 November 2003 (06.11.2003)	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 8 November 2002 (08.11.2002)
TITLE OF INVENTION AQUEOUS SUSPENSIONS OF GROUND MINERAL MATERIALS WITH LOW ION LOAD AND THEIR USES		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Patrick Gane, Matthias Buri and Beat Karth		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
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Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:		
<p>11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</p> <p>12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</p> <p>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.</p> <p>14. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.</p> <p>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</p> <p>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</p> <p>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821- 1.825.</p> <p>18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: Copy of International Search Report.</p>		

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Re: United States National Stage Filing
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Title: AQUEOUS SUSPENSIONS OF GROUND MINERAL
MATERIALS WITH LOW ION LOAD AND THEIR USES
Applicants: Patrick Gane, Matthias Buri and Beat Karth
Our File: 68219/25

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 U.S.C. § 371 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.495, enclosed please find an application for patent in the names of Patrick Gane, Matthias Buri and Beat Karth, entitled "AQUEOUS SUSPENSIONS OF GROUND MINERAL MATERIALS WITH LOW ION LOAD AND THEIR USES," for entering the national stage in the United States of America, comprising the following:

1. a Transmittal Letter to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) Concerning a Filing Under 35 U.S.C. § 371;
2. a copy of PCT Application No. PCT/IB2003/005063 as published under PCT Publication No. WO 2004/041882 A1 (in French), including cover page (1 page), specification (87 pages), and claims (39 pages);
3. an English translation of PCT Application No. PCT/IB2003/005063, entitled "WEAKLY IONIC AQUEOUS SUSPENSIONS OF GROUND MINERAL MATTER AND THEIR USES" (117 pages);

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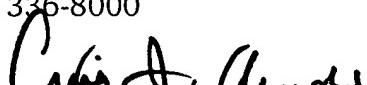
4. a Preliminary Amendment (43 pages);
5. a copy of the International Search Report (3 pages);
6. an Information Disclosure Statement including copies of the references cited in the International Search Report;
7. a check in the amount of \$1900.00 to cover the total filing fee; and
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Please charge any outstanding amount or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-1785. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed. Please also acknowledge receipt of the enclosed documents by stamping the enclosed postcard and returning the same to us.

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